

Timeline of King County Council Animal Control Funding and Legislation

2006 Budget

2006-0276 - Executive requests \$100,000 for the scheduled replacement of the King County Animal Control Facility's HVAC system. Council authorizes \$137,375 for facility modifications to the animal control shelter.

June 5, 2006

2006-0241 –Council passes a motion directing the Executive to provide a report on opportunities to improve enforcement of animal cruelty laws in King County

2007 Budget

2007-0346 - Executive requests \$44,014 and 0.5 FTE to provide administrative support of the King County Animal Control Citizen's Advisory Committee, which Council approves.

May 29, 2007

2007-0284- Council passes ordinance that prohibits pet ownership by animal abusers, requires a reduction in animal euthanasia rates to 20 percent by the end of 2008 and 15 percent by the end of 2009, and grants more comprehensive and strategic roles to the King County Animal Control and Care Citizen's Advisory Committee

2007-0283 – Council passes motion that requires the Executive to provide an analysis of how King County might implement a "no-kill" policy, recommendations on the benefits of adding dedicated officers to oversee animal cruelty investigations and work directly with prosecutors to ensure that animal abusers are tried and sentenced, recommendations for an animal bill of rights to set standards of care in King County animal shelters, recommendations for strengthening community relations through partnerships with individuals, volunteers, rescue groups, and non-profit organizations, recommendations for increasing marketing of adoptable animals and spay/neuter programs using community partners and local media, and development of performance measures that address standards of animal care, adoption and euthanasia rates.

2007-0105 –Council accepts a report submitted by the County Executive regarding the enforcement of animal cruelty laws and requests new strategies for preventing and prosecuting animal abusers.

July-August 2007

Council appoints members of the Animal Care and Control Citizens' Advisory Committee.

August 3, 2007

2007-0346 –Council adds an additional appropriation of \$30,000 to fund a study to examine ways for the King County Animal Shelter to reduce euthanasia rates.